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For: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

FOR RELIABLE MULTICAST TRANSPORT OF DATA PACKETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application before continued examination on the merits. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. The accompanying RCE and instant Preliminary Amendment are being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed March 20, 2008 and an Advisory Action mailed May 30, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2, and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.